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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The official dispatches received from the Mexican Republic General Diaz represent the Imperialists as utterly defeated and disorganized at all points. Maximilian is said to be a prisoner.

An election was held in Kentucky, last Monday, for twelve Members of Congress. It is reported that all the members elected are Democrats.

Three men named Goetz, Case and Albus, were hung at Cincinnati, on the 30th of last month, for murdering James Hughes, a citizen of that city, on the 7th of last February.

An act of the Paris Parliament has decreed that a child can have two fathers.

The most difficult offense to check in England is that of torturing wives.

A man in Illinois says "the wages of eight hours is death."

It own merchants refused the sovereign State credit for 100 pounds of flour.

The negroes in Hayti are amending their constitution.—They had better amend their conduct also.

Fifty prisoners are now confined on the Dry Tortugas—9 citizens and 41 soldiers.

The Hebrews of Philadelphia are building a hospital.

From present appearances we are to have an extensive Indian war.

The chain-gang system has been abolished in Alabama.

DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE.—THE CONTEST IS COMING ON.—Let the Democracy of Vinton County organize at once, and be prepared to meet the enemy once more in the open field of political strife. It was for the want of a thorough organization of the party in the last campaign, that defeated a part of its ticket, together with the marches that were stolen upon us by the Abolition enemy. It is only by a thorough organization of the forces to be mustered—that any party can well succeed, in any attempt it may undertake.

The issues of the coming campaign are made up; and upon these issues the people of the State of Ohio, must decide at the next October Election, among which, is the question of equal political rights of suffrage extended to the colored population of the State, as that enjoyed

by us. Should this question of amendment of our Constitution of State, require a majority of the votes cast, then the question of negro suffrage will be ended. He will then have been forced upon us, to enjoy civilly, religiously, and politically, all the rights that the white man enjoy, simply by the work of our own hands.

Should this right ever be granted to the colored man, it will be done by the power of the white man; and as there is no controversy about the provisions of this Constitutional Amendment, as to who it means, what it means, or what it is to be brought about by its operations, it becomes the imperative duty of all persons opposed to its passage, to unite firmly together upon this question, and be armed with the like mind and spirit of the true patriots of the revolution, and by their action at the polls, declare this to be a WHITE MAN'S GOVERNMENT!

The theory advanced, called "Logic of Events," at the termination of the late war, has handed us four millions of negroes which, to-day, are declared to be the equals of the white race in every particular, except their right of suffrage, and that they will soon have that.

Let every citizen, in disposing of this question of negro suffrage, as provided for in the Constitutional Amendment, remember that he is dealing with a being, possessing the form somewhat, and strength of a man, but the intellect only of a child. Remember he has been turned loose in the manhood of his physical strength, in the maturity of his physical passions, but in the infancy of his untrained reason; and now for us to enfranchise him, would be to raise up a creature resembling the splendid fiction of romance; the hero of which can sketch a human form, with all the corporal capabilities of a man, and with the sinews of a giant; but being unable to impart to the works of our hands a perception of right and wrong, we will find when too late—that we have only created a more than mortal power of doing mischief, and we will recoil from the monster of our own creation.

Then we say organize, and organize at once! Set the ball in motion, and continue it until the 10th of next October shall declare Ohio to be redeemed from the black spirit of political superstition and ignorance. True it is, that there are many persons who now declare that they will not vote for the Constitutional Amendment. We say, Amen!—and hope you will maintain your integrity.—Again, it is equally true, that only a few persons have the impudence sufficient to openly declare and avow that they will vote for the Amendment. This is your right, gentlemen, and we hope you will have the manly courage, to say and declare next fall, that you have only reduced yourself to the level of the negro.

Let every Democrat be awake, be active, be VIGILANT, and ALIVE!—and our county ticket be put in the field early in the campaign, and success will crown our effort in the election. Let the township organizations be heard from every week; and thus prevent the importation of fraudulent votes into the county, as was the case at the election last October.

A WOOLEN FACTORY.—A person who owns a large and valuable tract of land, through which the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad passes, west of and adjoining the Zaleski Estate, in Vinton county, authorizes us to state that a site for a Woolen Factory will be given free to any party who will build upon it. It is an excellent place for a Woolen Factory; about one mile from the Zaleski Depot, of the M. & C. R. R.; and water, coal, wood, and every thing else necessary for building and running an establishment of this kind, being near at hand. We think there is not a more convenient location in this county for a Woolen Factory. For further particulars call on or address the Editor of this paper.

STRANGE, BUT TRUE.—Some of the speculators who have lately returned to different localities in the North from the "Sunny South," have just discovered the fact that they are as good as the negro. Great Heavens! Democracy has taught you for eighty years that you were a little better than the negro, and yet you never believed it. Thousands do not believe it now. We advise you all to emigrate to the South, and demonstrate the same fact from the old problem, that

"Experience keeps a dear school, But fools will learn no other."

Oh! learn that Southern negroes are not to be trusted—not to be depended upon, and that after dark, small articles of property often stick to their fingers! Strange kind of attraction this, indeed!

Well, there is room for a few more students down in the "Sunny South"—and who will go? Come, gentlemen! take a course of lectures; and our word for it, you will be satisfied.

Tax Waverly Democrat comes to this office occasionally—say once in about six or eight weeks. We received a number on Monday night—the first for over six weeks. What is the matter, Brother Jones?

A New Hard-Ware Store.

Our fellow-townman, GEO. L. WILL, Agent of Harnden Express, in this town, visits the city this week for the purpose of purchasing a general stock of HARD-WARE, WOODEN-WARE, STOVES, CORDAGE, &c., &c. He will use the Room formerly occupied by T. B. Davis, as a Dry Goods Store.

His stock will be bought from the Manufacturers and Agents for cash, and we can confidentially assure our readers that Goods will be sold cheaper by him than Goods in that line have heretofore been sold in this market.

He will also carry on the Manufacture of TIN-WARE, which will be sold at Wholesale and Retail.

Another Arrival.

The firm of DAW. WILL & BROS. is again represented in the wholesale Dry Goods market, and their numerous customers may, in a day or two, look out for a general stock of NEW GOODS in that line.

It is madness to say a word in favor of this increasing popular House; everybody knows them and knows that it is emphatically the best House in town; and sells more Goods, and sells cheaper than any other establishment in the county.

Persons desiring to purchase will always find, at their Store, Goods of the best styles and best quality, and at prices that defy competition. Call on them and save money.

THE COUNTY SEAT QUESTION.—The County Seat question seems to agitate the public mind somewhat yet, especially some of the property owners of McArthur who decline to make valuable improvements on their premises until the question of the "Removal of the County Seat" is settled. This is all wrong. We would say to all persons owning property in this town, improve your property. Make it just what you may wish it to be, and not, for even a moment, entertain the idea of the County Seat being removed from "where it is and where it ought to be," to Zaleski. Why?—you will ask. We think we can tell you:—Zaleski, or more properly speaking, the Zaleski Company, purchased the old Printing Press and office of this town and removed it to their city, (on Big Raceon between two Big Hills,) called Zaleski; and they expect to remove the County Seat to that city on the merits of that old Printing Press. But let it be remembered that the wicked old Press has killed two Editors, "beat" a third, "burnt out" and "broken up" a fourth, and the natives of that city are sorely troubled about the welfare of the unfortunate fifth—the present Editor—as evidenced by the non-appearance of the paper called *The Zaleski Echo*. It is really a wicked Press—a destroyer of the peace, happiness, and even the precious life of man. Something ought to be done with it immediately—we hardly know what. We suppose it might be "impeached" or "arrested for murder." The paper used to Echo weekly, but lately it Echoes rather more weakly. What is the matter with it now? Is it intoxicated? We think that we will not much miss our guess, if all Zaleski becomes intoxicated on account of the present fine prospects of the "removal of the County Seat" and "blow up" on a general "beat."

We will close by saying again to the citizens of McArthur: Go to work and improve your property!—let not that old Printing Press disturb your slumbers any longer!—the wicked machine annoys the citizens of the between-the-hills town more than it does the citizens of this town!

We did not receive the Portsmouth Republican last week. We do not want you to mark the Enquirer off your exchange list, Friend Drake. We must see it each week, even if it does favor African Suffrage and support "the Government." Send along the Republican, Friend Drake!

W. F. FELTON, Auditor of Vinton County, will accept our thanks for "Executive Documents"—Part II.—for 1866; and for the "Premiums and Regulations for the 18th Annual Fair of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture, to be held at Dayton, on the 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th days of September, 1867."

RAND J. K. WILL's advertisement in today's paper.

[From the La Crosse Democrat]

Catechism for Radicals?

Did you ever endorse the doctrine of equal taxation?

Then why make United States Bonds exempt from taxation and take one hundred and eighty millions of dollars per year from the working men of the country to give to bondholders an interest on the bonds they swindled the government out of?

Did you ever about free speech, free press and free Kansas?

Then why did you mob so many Democratic printing offices while Lincoln lived?

Did you believe in what Lincoln said as President?

Then why do you endorse men who are not willing the Southern States should be again in the Union with their former rights unimpaired.

Did you help carry on the war to restore the Union?

Then why now seek to divide it?

Did you believe in abolishing the aristocracy of slavery?

Then why build up one of bonds, on which the holders pay no taxes?

Do you believe in Military power and centralized despotism?

If not, why not let the Southern States live in the peace they ask for and your President promised them?

Did you help carry on the war to benefit the negro?

Then why not advise him to stay where the climate agrees with him; where he has friends, and why send a legion of political beggars in among the negroes to cheat them out of their earnings and to keep them poor?

Do you now wish to benefit the negro?

Then why make the poor, ignorant, poverty-stricken, unfortunate pay five cents a pound tax on the cotton, he raises, to support the Bond Holders of New England, who grow rich at the expense of the poor people they profess to love?

Do you believe in the power and greatness of the North?

Then why continue a war upon a broken, unarmed, poverty-stricken people?

Do you expect the war debt to be paid?

Then why not let the producers of the land who are the only ones who pay in the end, live in quiet and help us make the country great?

Are you an honest man?

Then why endorse and vote for the thieves, cowards, swindlers, union splitters and spendthrift speculators so popular with the radical party?

Are you in favor of protecting labor?

Then why not tax capital in United States Bonds and securities, and exempt the hard earned incomes of farmers, miners, mechanics, laboring men and laboring people?

Would you protect labor in the North?

Then why urge negroes to come here, to come in contact with the white labor of the North, now too poorly paid and too severely worked.

Did you help carry on the war to restore the Union, and if the war was a success why is not the Union restored as when the war began?

Will you please answer the above?

[From the Cincinnati Enquirer.]

A Lesson for Our Friends.

The following facts, contained in a letter to the Enquirer, from a Wilkesville, Vinton County, O., subscriber shows how a little energy and exertion will disseminate Democratic truth, and the happy results that have flowed from it. The circulation of our paper and increased Democratic votes go together. If the Democrats in every town would go to work as they have in this locality in Vinton County, we should certainly carry Ohio this fall by a large majority. Will they not heed the lesson and follow the example? Our friend writes:

"MESSRS. FARAN & MCLEAN: As the subscription of our little club of five expired on April 17, and as we do not want to part with our old and tried friend, we send for the *Weekly Enquirer* again. The get-up of this little club was about the first to take the Enquirer in this township—about twelve years ago. At present there must be seventy-five copies taken in the township. This time I tried what I could do to enlarge our club, and by a little exertion I doubled it. Let others try to do the same, and we will soon have a change for the better. Last fall we were beaten thirteen votes, and those votes lost our county ticket in little Vinton. This spring we elected the whole Democratic ticket by twenty-eight majority. We will do better this fall, as a great many Republicans are not prepared to vote for the negro. Wishing you, gentlemen, every success in so boldly battling for our rights as freemen, I remain, yours truly,

D. L."

A PERSON who has taken the trouble to gather statistics on lamp explosions, says that during the last two years, the number of people burned to death from kerosene lamp explosions has been nearly 200, these disasters having destroyed property valued at \$6,000,000.

A DISPATCH from Nashville says: Many citizens from Newton county, Georgia, forty miles from Atlanta, are almost on the point of starvation.

IMPORTANCE OF A VOTE.—The New Haven Register says that Mr. Logan, the Democratic candidate in the Sixteenth Senatorial District of Connecticut, is defeated by four votes, and this gives the Senate to the Republicans by one majority.

CALL at the New Store of J. K. Will, in Doddridge's New Building.

Sowing the Seeds of Discord and Bitterness.

FOR months there has been a continual ding dong in the Republican journals, that there could not be perfect peace, nor enduring 'Reconstruction,' until the Blacks South were made voters. Humanity, justice, the theory that Government in this country rests upon the consent of the governed, and that there should be no taxation without representation, they said imperatively made the demand. By implication, this coupled with the assertion that the Blacks were suffering from the effects of legislation and government that they were anxious to change for their betterment, and that it was beyond their reach to do so until they held in their hands the right to use the ballot. It now appears, according to Republican authority, that, after all, the Blacks do not comprehend their duty, politically, under them, to the new condition of affairs; and that it is necessary for Senator Wilson and other exponents of Radicalism of the prohibitory Tariff type to enlighten them; and for that purpose they are now roaming over the South, sowing the seeds of discord and bitterness between the Whites and Blacks.

Are we to Have a Financial Crash?

THE Chicago Tribune, one of the best informed journals on financial matters in the West, says:

The attempt of those who have embarked in all manner of speculative enterprises to realize their investments and hold the same in cash, is but a prudent measure to avert the crushing effects of the storm, should one come. There is an unhealthy condition of things proceeding from all this. The annual strife between landholders and tenants has an extraordinary intensity in all parts of the country this season. Capital trembles as it looks into the future. Labor is demanding an increase of wages in the face of the impending panic and prostration. Never was there a time when men of large means should so hesitate and weigh well the probabilities of the future before embarking in new enterprises, and never was there a time when those who live upon their earnings, be they great or small, should so retrench their expenditures in every possible means to be able better to meet the impending difficulty. It may be that the country will escape a season of financial distribution and disaster, but it may not escape it. Those who are hesitating to embark with their capital in real estate and improvements, may well consider whether they are likely to obtain any compensating return upon that investment during a season of financial disaster, and a consequent return to actual values.

The Reign of Terror in 1863.

WHILE at Dayton lately we paid a visit to Mr. C. L. Vallandigham, who resides now where he did when he was arrested by Burnside, for the crime of making a Democratic speech in 1863—His front door still retains the marks and defacement made upon it by the battering ram employed to force an entrance into his house. Not finding an entrance easy in this direction, they turned to a side door, against which they were more successful, and through whose broken panels they finally crowded, and then and there effected the seizure and kidnapping of the inmate. The circumstances of that arrest were as extraordinary as they were cruel, and calculated and designed to excite the deepest alarm and terror. In the dead-hour of the night, not less than one hundred and fifty soldiers set out upon the heroic enterprise of capturing a private and unarmed gentleman, who was asleep in his own house. They threw out pickets in all directions, and made their approaches as cautiously as if they were about to assail a hostile battery, instead of taking prisoner a quiet and peaceful citizen. As we look back upon that audacious proceeding it loses none of its interest; but its monotony, when viewed by the light of history, causes it to assume, if possible, a darker aspect. The manner of the arrest was much more outrageous than the famous seizure of the leaders of the French Republic by Louis Napoleon, when he made his famous coup d'etat in 1851, the enormity of which has always exposed its author to reprobation. There are many reasons to believe that when Mr. Vallandigham was seized it was the intention of the cowards and malignant who prompted it to put him to death, after the fashion of the "reign of terror" in France in 1793. Compelled somewhat by the force of public opinion to abandon this project directly they still sought to do it indirectly. He was sent South, not through the regular and accustomed line of communication at City Point, but through Tennessee, where no exertion had been spared to so excite the Ohio soldiers against him that he would be murdered before he was through the Federal lines. That this was the hope of the getters up and promoters of this kidnapping is certain.

The time will come when the enormity of this seizure, and punishment of a prominent citizen of Ohio, by an illegal and unauthorized tribunal, for no other offense than merely discussing, before his fellow-citizens, the policy of the Administration, will be viewed in its full proportions, and it will be seen what a dangerous precedent was then established to imperil personal liberty and to strike at the roots of all public security. It is not to the credit of our people that they allowed party prejudice and animosity to prevent them from suitably rebuking it and its authors at the time. [Cincinnati Enquirer.]

CONGRATULATIONS.—At Coshocton, on Wednesday evening, in the Delano election investigation, Smiley Harbaugh, chairman of the Republican Central Committee of that county, was unexpectedly required to take the witness stand by the friends of General Morgan. In answer to an interrogatory, the fact was established that said Harbaugh's own son was one of the skeddaddlers, and that at the last October election, this son voted for Columbus Delano. This was a home thrust! Besides being chairman of the Republican Central Committee of this county, Harbaugh is the man to whom Delano sent EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS to be used as a corruption fund in Coshocton county. [Newark Advertiser.]

A GOOD ONE.—A Galveston gentleman, lately stopping at the Nicholson House, Bastrop, was in a room, recently occupied by the Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau. One evening, Tom, a Freedman, entered the room to make a fire, and after doing so, sat down, crossed his legs and made himself at home, smoking and spitting in the fire-place. The Galvestonian asked him what he meant by such familiarity; Tom looked up in evident surprise, and immediately arose, hat in hand, and in his politest manner, said: 'Beg pardon, Massa! didn't know you was a gentleman; thought you was do Freedman's Bureau!'—Galveston (Texas) News.

REAL BISHOPS IN A POOR COUNTRY.—The oppressive character of the Established Church in Ireland is well shown by a list recently published in England of the Bishops that have died in the former island since 1822, and of the assets left by each, in hard cash, exclusive of real property the deceased may have purchased, and independent of any settlements that each may have made on members of his family. The list begins with the Bishop of Cachel, who contrived to put by \$400,000. Three others died with loose cash exceeding \$350,000 each; another with \$300,000, another with \$275,000, and so on. The average of the whole was \$200,000, and the aggregate was \$4,300,000! And yet the English Church comprises less than one-eighth the people of Ireland—a country that has been growing poorer and poorer since 1822, and pouring off its life-blood through every emigrant ship. No wonder. It is as difficult to see the Christianity as the political policy of such an overgrown and rapacious system of ecclesiastical oppression. [Boston Journal.]

WOULD BE GREATLY BENEFITED.—Since 1855 the Democratic party has not had the Governor of this State, and almost uninterruptedly since that time, the Republicans have had ample majorities in the Legislature to do as they please, and since 1860 they have had the Presidency and Congress. Now we are told that "the Blacks in our midst would be greatly benefited" by being made voters. How would they be "benefited" if they were made voters and should vote the Republican ticket? Let us have a satisfactory answer to this.

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